



Pewaukee Area Historical Society

Clark House Museum
206 East Wisconsin Avenue
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

2026 Museum Hours:

2nd & 4th Sundays 1-3 pm
May 24 - September 27
Wednesdays 1-4 pm
May 27 - September 30

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Winter, 2025

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!
Dec. 6 - Tree Lighting
Clark House Museum
Steele Exhibit Bldg.
2:00 - 5:00 pm

2026 Dates to Remember:

Jan. 28 - Annual Mtg
6:30 pm

Pewaukee Library,
Community Room

Apr. 29 - Spring Mtg.
7:00 pm

Steele Exhibit Bldg.

May 7-9 - Rummage
Sale

May TBA -Community
Night 7:00 pm
(hosted by Pewaukee H.S.
History students)

June 14 - Show Us
Your Collection

July 12 - Ice Cream
Social

Aug. 9 - Art at the
Museum

Sept. 13 - Harvest Fest
Oct. 28 - Fall Mtg.

Dec. 5 - Tree Lighting

PEWAUKEE 2025 TREE LIGHTING Saturday, December 6 2:00-5:00 pm

It's that time of year again. It's time to gather at the Clark House for some old-fashioned holiday cheer with all of our Pewaukee friends.

Santa & Mrs. Claus will arrive at 2:00 pm to visit with the children in the Steele Exhibit Bldg. (don't forget to take a few pictures). Santa's gift shop will again be available for the little ones to purchase a gift for mom and/ or dad, cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club (the event sponsor), kids can make a holiday craft, and from 4:00-5:00 pm, the Civic Broadway Singers will entertain us with Christmas carols. The tree (provided by the North Shore Bank) will be lit at 5:00 pm.

We are grateful for the continued sponsorship and funding from the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club and the North Shore Bank. Thank them when you can.

We are so lucky to live in this wonderful community. Spread the word and bring a friend. Let's keep this Pewaukee tradition going for years to come. It's up to you!



PAHS Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 28, 2026 6:30 pm at the Library

All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. It's a good time to check in with friends during the wintertime and take part in the important part of being a member of the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. Without YOU, we cannot exist.

Hope to see you at the Pewaukee Library, Community Room, 210 Main Street, Pewaukee.

At this time, we are in the process of planning an interesting presentation which will follow a brief business meeting. Bring a friend, spread the word.

LOST / MISSING Has anyone seen our . . .

DeWalt drill-driver or borrowed it? It's been missing for some time and we looked everywhere and asked everyone. If you borrowed it and forgot you did, please return it as soon as you can.

Thank you!

The first brick was purchased on August 11, 1994 by Kathy Schulze.

It reads

“Peace to All”

What will yours read?

“And in this Corner ...”

by Tom Brick

The Resurrection Party

In the Clark House, there is a picture of Peter Peffer's orchard which encompassed the area where WCTC is now located.

However, before operating the orchard, Peffer earned a living as a well digger, a much more dangerous occupation in the mid 1800s. A December 22, 1863

Waukesha Freeman article describes Peter Peffer's near fatal accident and his gratitude for being miraculously saved. Here's the story . . .

“The anniversary of our friend Peter Peffer's resurrection from a living grave, occurred on Tuesday, the 15th. Four years ago Mr. Peffer was in the bottom of P.N. Cushman's well, when the earth suddenly closed in upon him burying him in stones and earth some 20 feet below the surface. And yet, hopeless as it may seem, he not only managed to live in that deep grave some seven hours, but was finally taken out alive though badly bruised and marred. Ever since that time, the 15th of December has been observed as a day of joyous thanksgiving in the family of Mr. Peffer, for the wonderful preservation from death. Friends from all parts of the county gather and partake in the charming hospitality which is there afforded. There is no particular order or program laid down, but everybody seems to under-

stand that innocent recreation and amusement is the order of the evening. We noticed however, that our horse was put in a warm underground stable - after which followed an hour's conversation, the pauses between which were improved in testing the splendid domestic wines of “mine host”. Supper shortly after follows – and such a supper – oysters of unsurpassed excellence, sandwiched with strawberry preserves and other like condiments and substantials – with coffee equal to the best “old Mocha”. Supper ended – music is introduced – and the younger guests “trip the light fantastic toe” to the strains of merry music. But we will not further particularize. We know it was a little past our usual bedtime that we managed to escape from the hospitable host and hostess, only to find a huge bottle of choice wine smuggled away in the sleigh by our kind-hearted friend for the use of our better half. May the life of him who was thus miraculously preserved, ripen in a green old age, and his worldly prosperity continue to increase in a scale commensurate with his hospitality.”

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

by Tom Brick

In order to keep our membership fees as low as possible, we would like to encourage everyone to get their newsletter by email rather than regular mail. It now costs us about \$2.00 to print and mail out each quarterly newsletter (or \$8.00 per year). Emailing the newsletter costs us virtually nothing. However, if you want the newsletter mailed, please circle “Mail” on the membership renewal form or life member update form.

Office Depot Shopping Trip

by Tom Brick

For the fourth year in a row, Marilyn Hagerstrand has once again generously donated a \$250 debit card so we could restock our office supplies. We met at Office Depot and bought paper, printer ink and enough other items to keep the Office Depot's stockholders happy.

Thanks Marilyn!

*WOW, times and prices
sure have changed . . .*

Waukesha Freeman December 16, 1880

Now is the time to get your Christmas trees and the place to procure them is at George P. Peffer's in Pewaukee, where sizes and prices will be found to suit. Trees from 2 ft. high to 20 ft. at prices ranging from 10 cents to \$1.00. Remember you can get just what is desired at Pfeffer's Nursery every time.

NEW MEMBER

Annual Member

Sue Baker

Thank you for your
membership and supporting
the Pewaukee Area Historical
Society

Note: If you have an old family recipe or just one you want to share, please submit it. It would be interesting if you have some background for the recipe to share also.

*From the Kitchen of
Karen Merz*

FRIENDSHIP RECIPE

Take some morning sunshine
Add a smile, some kind words too . . .
Sprinkle in some happy hours
It's not very hard to do.

Add a little thoughtfulness
Stir just enough to blend
Serve it warm with loving hands
It's the makings of a *Friend!*

(No author listed.)

Note:

Please consider submitting a favorite family recipe in the future.

Editor's Note

by Karen Merz

It's time to pass the editor's cap on to the next person that never thought they'd be an editor. After retiring I found it was interesting to volunteer as the PAHS office go-to person / newsletter editor. But after 10+ years, it's time to pass the hat on to the next person. I'm looking forward to relaxing and just reading (not creating) the upcoming newsletters. See you at the next event!

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Please remember to shop local and keep Pewaukee businesses in Pewaukee!



PAHS receives a 1% rebate on your store receipts from the Sentry store in Delafield. Receipts must be less than 6 months old and can be left in the dresser drawer marked "Sentry receipts" on the screen porch of the Clark House. Thanks for remembering.

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CONTACT INFORMATION**

Be part of the next PAHS newsletter by submitting an article or other event information to

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Questions? Call 262-691-0233
Deadline for the next newsletter is
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The Clark House, once a stagecoach inn, is now a museum operated by the Pewaukee Area Historical Society. It is located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and East Wisconsin Avenue in the Village of Pewaukee. There is no admission fee. Donations are accepted.

The Pewaukee Area Historical Society

(PAHS) is a non-profit, charitable, educational organization founded to research, collect and preserve the history of the Pewaukee area. PAHS invites anyone who has an interest in the history of the Pewaukee area, its people and the community, to become a member.

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